

Phylis S. Byrne
Biography

Captain Phylis S. Byrne is the Commanding Officer of Transit District 23 here in the Rockaways. The command spans the 100th, 101st and 106th Precincts covering the Rockaways, Howard Beach and Broad Channel.

Phylis was appointed to the Police Department in June of 1992, starting in the 70th Precinct (Flatbush Brooklyn) and eventually working in all of Brooklyn South as a police officer. She was promoted to Sergeant in 1997, Lieutenant in 2001 and Captain in 2005. During her career with the police department she has worked in Brooklyn South Task Force, Narcotics, Vice, Investigations, Pension Section and supervised the Organized Crime Control Bureau's training unit. Prior to being assigned to TD-23, she was the Executive Officer in Transit District 20 which covers the remainder of Queens.

.Phylis was born in Staten Island, New York, St. Clare's Parish, the youngest of four children. She is a second generation Irish- American; her paternal grandmother, Elizabeth Turbett, hails from Mohill, County Leitrim and cousins still have the family farm. Her paternal grandfather, Frank D. Byrne was a New York City Police Officer, appointed in 1927.

Phylis is newly (and happily) married to John F. Driscoll, President of the Captains Endowment Association. She is a member of the NYPD Emerald Society. Phylis attended SUNY at Buffalo and College of Staten Island where she attained a Bachelor of Science Degree in psychology.

Phylis found out just how many friends and relatives she has in the Rockaways after her picture and biography appeared in the Wave and the phone calls and letters poured in with congratulations. She is thrilled with her assignment in large part because of the warm welcome she received by the Rockaway community. That community has become her best asset as they work hand in hand with the police.